Medicinal plants

†*10. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by his Ministry for conservation of medicinal plants during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the details of the amount spent under the head during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the details of the financial assistance/grant/help provided to Government and Non-Government Organisations for conservation of medicinal plants, State-wise and organisation-wise; and

(d) the details of amount to be spent during the financial year 2007-08, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has taken a number of steps for conservation and protection of medicinal plants, which *inter-alia* include, the following:

(i) Operationalizing the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Project entitled 'National Programme on Promoting Conservation of Medicinal Plants & Traditional Knowledge for Enhancing Health & Livelihood Security' which is to be implemented in nine States, namely, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh. The project is being coordinated by Foundation for Revitalization of Local Health Traditions (FRLHT), Bangalore.

(ii) Recognizing and supporting a Centre of Excellence on 'Medicinal Plants & Traditional Knowledge' at FRLHT, Bangalore in October, 2002.

(iii) Implementing the National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme which include models such as 'Mixed Plantation of Trees having Minor Forest Produce and Medicinal Value' and 'Regeneration of Perennial Herbs and Shrubs of Medicinal Value' that relate to promotion of medicinal plants through afforestation and regeneration.

(iv) Conserving and protecting medicinal plants through enforcement of the Indian Forest Act, 1927; Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980; Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and the rules under these Acts.

(b) and (c) Under the NAP scheme, during the last 3 years (2004-05 to 2006-07), a total sum of Rs. 773.87 crores was released to ongoing Forest Development Agencies in different States, for afforestation activities including promotion of medicinal plants among other things. The State-wise details of funds released is given as under:

State-wise details under National Afforestation Programme Scheme (NAP) for the last three years (2004-05 to 2006-07)

Sl.No.	State	Number of FDA	Number of JFMC's	Total Area (In Ha)	Amount Released (Rs. in crore)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8	461	10470	32.35

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6
2.	Chhattisgarh	6	156	5025	48.18
3.	Gujarat	9	430	9930	38.34
4.	Haryana	3	187	2050	21.01
5.	Himachal Pradesh	11	389	7474	31.24
6.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0	0	14.67
7.	Karnataka	10	232	7440	67.74
8.	Madhya Pradesh	21	614	17870	45.62
9.	Maharashtra	12	297	11780	43.74
10.	Orissa	12	482	8338	37.38
11.	Punjab	6	292	4285	7.47
12.	Rajasthan	20	284	7590	17.68
13.	Tamil Nadu	7	278	8790	52.20
14.	Uttar Pradesh	4	90	3017	47.08
15.	Uttarakhand	18	622	16011	35.16
16.	Goa	0	0	0	0.00
17.	Jharkhand	11	386	8750	35.54
18.	Bihar	5	151	4565	11.10
19.	Kerala	11	138	3760	18.78
20.	West Bengal	4	244	4100	18.95
	TOTAL (OTHER STATES):	178	5733	141245	624.24
21.	Arunachal Pradesh	6	77	1940	6.58
22.	Assam	12	183	7290	27.09
23.	Manipur	3	66	1100	19.51
24.	Nagaland	2	53	0	18.19
25.	Sikkim	0	0	0	17.58
26.	Tripura	4	45	2200	13.27
27.	Mizoram	2	30	0	34.35
28.	Meghalaya	7	73	7400	13.07
	TOTAL (NE STATES):	36	527	19930	149.63
	G. TOTAL:	214	6260	161175	773.87

During the last 3 years (2004-05 to 2006-07), a sum of Rs. 2.23 crores have been provided to the Centre of Excellence on Medicinal Plants and Traditional Knowledge at FRLHT, Bangalore.

(d) During 2007-08, there is an allocation of Rs. 322.57 crores under the NAP scheme which is for medicinal plants as well as other afforestation activities. The allocation for the Centre of Excellence on Medicinal Plants and Traditional Knowledge at FRLHT, Bangalore is Rs. 80 lakhs.